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THE FREEDOM COMMISSION

Mr. FULBRIGHT. Mr. President, unfortunately when the Senate temporarily laid aside consideration of S. 1689 and took up the housing proposal, I was called to the reception room by a very prominent lawyer from my State. Before I returned to the Chamber, action on the housing proposal had been completed and S. 1689 had been passed.

I wish merely for the Record to state that I think this bill should have been sent to the Committee on Foreign Relations. I think it is clearly within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Relations. I doubt that the bill will be passed by the House.

I wish to serve notice that, if a similar bill is introduced in the next Congress, I expect to raise the question of jurisdiction and to insist that a bill of a similar nature be sent to the Committee on Foreign Relations for its consideration. I do not think a bill of this character should be passed without the Department of State being consulted

and, as a matter of fact, appearing before the committee. Careful consideration should be given to it, because passage of such a bill would definitely affect our foreign relations in many important respects.